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## Governor Musgrove Joins With Mississippi Sportsmen Against Hunger To Make Food Donation to Mississippi Food Network

Jackson, Miss. – Governor Ronnie Musgrove today joined with Mississippi Sportsmen Against Hunger (MSAH) to donate 7,500 pounds of chicken to the Mississippi Food Network (MFN) to aid in the fight against hunger.

"Mississippi Sportsmen Against Hunger asked the Governor to join us as we made this donation because he enjoys hunting and has been supportive of our efforts as we have reached out to help the hungry across the State of Mississippi," said T. Logan Russell, natural resources consultant and co-founder of MSAH.

MSAH was founded in August 1992 by Jackson attorney Bob Wilson and Russell for the purpose of promoting hunting, and to help feed the hungry. As of May 1, 2000 Mississippi Sportsmen Against Hunger has collected and distributed more than 175,000 pounds of pure, ground venison. The MSAH, Hunters for the Hungry Program has aided the hungry in more than half of the 82 counties in Mississippi through a network of participating hunters, deer processors, charities and corporate sponsors.

"The donation being made today is due to the formation of a partnership of organizations and individuals who recognize that by working together, they can make a great difference in the lives of other Mississippians who are in need," said Governor Musgrove.

The Mississippi Food Network, organized in 1983, is a statewide network of community-based Mississippi hunger relief organizations affiliated with a central food bank in Jackson. The MFN charities serve more than 60,000 people each month and in 1999 they distributed 10 million pounds of food and other products to needy Mississippians.

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